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**MAIN EXAMS**

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**INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER QUESTION ONE IN SECTION A AND ANY TWO QUESTIONS IN SECTION B**

**SECTION A**

1. (a) Give an outline of the four key roles of the agricultural sector in economic development ()  
(b) Outline the policy reforms that led to the high agricultural growth in the post-independence period (1960 – 1980) in Kenya ()  
(c) Define the term 'agricultural policy' and further explain the features of a good agricultural policy ()  
(d) Briefly describe the reasons for intensified agricultural investments in the East African region ()  
(e) List down four Millennium Development Goals that affect agricultural development in Kenya ()  
(f) Briefly explain how project benefits can be made sustainable long after the project has been implemented ()

## **SECTION B**

2. Describe the agricultural sector evolved from hunting and gathering system to the current sedentary agriculture (20marks)
3. Give an account of the role of the politician in agricultural development in Kenya (20marks)
4. Explain the major economic policy goals as used in agricultural sector (20marks)
5. (a) Make an outline of the various classifications of land rights in Kenya (10marks)  
(b) Give highlights of the Kenya National Land Policy, laying emphasis on how it will affect agricultural development when fully implemented (10marks)

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**INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER QUESTION ONE IN SECTION A AND ANY TWO QUESTIONS IN SECTION B**

**SECTION A**

1. (a) Define the term 'agricultural sector' (4marks)
- (b) Briefly explain why the role of the agricultural sector in the economy declines as the other sectors of the economy develop (6marks)
- (c) List down four areas of modernizing the agricultural sector (4marks)
- (d) Briefly explain the importance of settlement as an agricultural policy goal (6marks)
- (e) Briefly explain why agricultural land market is no longer in conformity with the agricultural potential of the land (6marks)
- (f) List down four key areas in the evaluation of an agricultural project (4marks)

**SECTION B**

2. Describe the importance of self-sufficiency in food as an essential policy goal in agricultural development, and the measures needed to enhance it (20marks)

3. Make an outline of the indicators of the outdated agricultural policies with suggestions on how they can be reformed (20marks)
4. (a) Make a distinction between legislation and regulation (4marks)  
(b) Give an account of the repealed Coffee Act (Cap 333) and explain why it could have been classified as a repressive law (16marks)
5. Describe the various land tenure systems in Kenya and further explain how they have contributed to agricultural development (20marks)